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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 17 Feb 1994 02:35:02 GMT  
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!  
news.intercon.com!udel!news.sprintlink.net!news.clark.net!andy@ames.arpas  
Subject: A QSL Card that will Make a Difference  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Last week his 40 meter antenna fell victim to the famous Calvert County

(MD) ice storm. The next day he lost power for 6 straight days. Now he's going into the hospital for hip surgery, followed by 6 weeks of recovery with nothing to do but watch ice melt. Not a good month for Ron Nord, N3AKP, who, by the way, is no spring chicken.

I wouldn't post this request if I didn't think it would make a difference. But it would really be great if you could cut loose an extra QSL card and send it along to Ron with perhaps a little "get-well" message. It's the kind of thing that would brighten his spirits and maybe even speed his recovery a bit.

Hey, thanks, guys! Ron's address is: Ron Nord, N3AKP  
3621 Halls Creek Lane  
Owings, MD 20736

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Date: Wed, 16 Feb 1994 08:30:23 -0700  
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!math.ohio-state.edu!  
cyber2.cyberstore.ca!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!alberta!ve6mgs!usenet@ames.arpa  
Subject: ARLB018 Study eyes 2300 MHz  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SB QST @ ARL \$ARLB018  
ARLB018 Study eyes 2300 MHz

ZCZC AG82  
QST de W1AW  
ARRL Bulletin 18 ARLB018

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Date: Wed, 16 Feb 1994 08:29:37 -0700  
From: howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!news.umbc.edu!eff!news.kei.com!  
yeshua.marcam.com!zip.eecs.umich.edu!newsxfer.itd.umich.edu!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!  
alberta!ve6mgs!@spool.mu.edu  
Subject: ARLB019 Instant license opposed  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SB QST @ ARL \$ARLB019  
ARLB019 Instant license opposed

ZCZC AG83  
QST de W1AW  
ARRL Bulletin 19 ARLB019

Date: 18 Feb 94 02:29:58 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: FCC Digest  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>Steve Allen (steve.allen@brent.uucp) wrote:  
> Bruce: besides being 99.9% irrelevant to amateur radio, this is an  
> incredible waste of bandwidth. If you feel a need to post this  
> stuff, form your own newsgroup.  
> -Steve N2WSA

Talk about an incredible waste of bandwidth, this "friendly note"  
is a PRIME EXAMPLE.

>There are a number of informational posts that  
>are not of interest to all the amateurs in this newsgroup but that  
>doesn't mean they should be run off.  
>Please keep posting the FCC digests.

>Dan

Second that motion, keep them coming.....

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Date: 18 Feb 94 22:12:00 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: Ford Explorer  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hello net.  
I am thinking about buying a Ford Explorer.

I talked to the salesperson about running Amateur Radio  
equipment and he went into a daze.  
He ask me to give him questions/concerns and he would forward them to his  
manager.

Is there anything on file or do any of you know how to address the  
salespersons/managers with questions on the subject?

Thanks

Roland Cowan WF4P/7J1AKI  
cowanr@zama-emh2.army.mil

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Date: Thu, 17 Feb 1994 02:58:26 GMT

From: envoy.wl.com!caen!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!  
news.umbc.edu!eff!news.kei.com!yeshua.marcam.com!charnel!olivea!news.bu.edu!inmet!  
panther!leber@decwrl.dec.  
Subject: FT-530 Receive Problem  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

For those of you who have been following my adventures with Yeasu trying to resolve what seems to be internally generated RF noise around 145.14 Mhz, here's the latest:

They have now had the radio (second time back) for about 2.5 weeks. Last Thursday, the phone rep told me that the unit was waiting for a Quality Control check before being shipped (I didn't ask where Quality Control was when they didn't fix the problem the first time around). It's now almost a week later, and still no radio, so I called to find out what was going on.

After being told they would call back in 15-20 minutes, and waiting 45 minutes with no response, I called again, and finally got through to 'Sam' (didn't get the last name), who is the Service Manager. He said he could not find any sign of the interference. No matter what they had tried, nothing other than 'normal FM noise' was audible in the frequency range in question, and no other receivers held near the 530 picked anything up. This conversation went on for about 15 minutes, at which point I was connected with Chip Margelli, the Customer Service Manager who I had talked with several times before.

Chip reiterated Sam's statement that they could find nothing no matter what they tried. He repeatedly attempted to find the noise while we talked, but couldn't do it. Naturally, if they can't reproduce the problem, they can't fix it.

At this point, I just want the thing back, so I said to ship it back, and I would try it out again. If the problem still exists, I'll try to work with them to pin it down. I thought I had pretty much proven it was coming from the 530, but I'll see if there is some undiscovered external force at work here.

I should have the unit by Friday. Maybe the problem has magically disappeared due to the therapeutic effects of UPS shipping. I'll keep you all posted.

Cheers,  
Tom

P.S. I still think it's a pretty nice unit despite this annoying problem.

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Tom Leber N3QKV <leber@panther.warm.inmet.com> Intermetrics, Inc. Warminster PA  
"Smother technology and it rebels." - Max Headroom  
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Date: 15 Feb 1994 15:52:43 -0800  
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!swrindle!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!  
europa.eng.gtefsd.com!library.ucla.edu!psgrain!news.tek.com!cascade.ens.tek.com!  
not-for-mail@ames.arpa  
Subject: FT980/FTV-901R.  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Return-Path: pnet01!crash!hatch.socal.com!pro-palmtree!pro-janin!  
jestevez@crash.cts.COM  
Date: Sun, 13 Feb 94 09:48:33 PST  
From: jestevez@pro-janin.cts.COM (Joseph Estevez)  
Subject: Re: FT980/FTV250.

I had sent out a request for infomation regarding using a transverter with my FT980 transceiver and got a very interesting response back from Joseph. Thanks very much Jo. Thought I would share it with the net.

>A better choice for a Transverter for the FT-980 is the Yaesu FTV-901R, if >you can find one. This transverter is more of what Yaesu was planning to >design for the FT-980 Transceiver.

I was wondering if this transverter was designed specifically to go with a particular Yaesu transceiver like th FT980 or FT-one, etc? Was it in production very long...make my job of finding one easier?

>All it takes is a few parts modification to make it works with the FT-980 >Transceiver, and you'll cover from 1.8-450-Mhz with just one radio.  
>Satellite is a dandy with this set-up. This is the set-up that I'm using >to work OSCARs Satellites, local repeaters, SSB VHF, etc.

Does the FTV-901R take different module to cover 2 meters, 70 Cmtrs, etc. or does it just cover 50-54, 144-148, 220-222, 432-450 Mhz ham bands just like it comes?

>The parts needed can be ordered from Yeasu, with a schematic. The >operating instructions are in Japanese, but it can be traslated very >easily.

>It's been many years since I did the modification on my radio. When I >started, Yaesu didn't even had any information on it. I was offered a job

>at Yaesu for this (worked for 2-years for them). I was the first one on  
>the FT-980 Transverter, because the company never continue the completion  
>of the Transverter project.

>You cannot control the FTV-250 from the FT-980. But with the FTV-901R, the  
>FT-980 Transceiver controls the FTV-901R Transverter. All of this for only  
>about 1 or 2 Transistors, 5 Resistors, re-wiring the connectors on the  
>FTV-901R, and making the cable from the FT-980 to the FTV-901R. Total cost  
>about \$5.00 dollars; with inflation and mail order from Yaesu... maybe  
>about \$7-to-\$10 dollars.

>The end results is a Transverter that it match the FT-980 Transceiver, as  
>intended by Yaesu, controlled by the FT-980 (yes the radio control the  
>transverter), and a better set-up than the FTV-250.

>Good luck!  
>Joseph Estevez, WB6SCT

Thanks,  
Terry Burge  
KI7M

ProLine: jestevez@pro-janin  
Internet: jestevez@pro-janin.cts.com  
UUCP: crash!pro-janin!jestevez

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Date: 17 Feb 1994 17:50:26 -0800  
From: agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!eff!news.kei.com!ssd.intel.com!chnews!  
ornews.intel.com!ornews.intel.com!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Hawaiian 2m repeaters?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <jjhanso1.219.2D63EB23@students.wisc.edu> jjhanso1@students.wisc.edu  
(Jason J. Hanson) writes:  
>I'll be in Hawaii (on Maui and in Honolulu) from March 25-April 6 and was  
>wondering if anyone could provide some advice as to good 2m repeaters...

When I was over there in Sept. about 2 years ago, I didn't hear much  
repeater activity on 2 meters at all. I visited Big Island and Oahu.  
I did find some highly unusual activity on 2 meter simplex in Honolulu.  
Be sure to scan the whole band for this stuff.

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zardoz@ornews.intel.com WA7LDV

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Date: 17 Feb 1994 02:41:02 GMT  
From: pacbell.com!sgiblab!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!  
prairienet.org!k9cw@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Iambic keyer paddles  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In a previous article, yee@mipg.upenn.edu (Conway Yee) says:

>I am told that in general, right handed operators use the right paddle  
>for the dash while the left paddle is used for the dit. OK no problem  
>so far.  
>  
>Is there a rationale behind this convention?  
>

Do you operate CW? The reason that the thumb on the right hand is the dot lever is probably historical. Old time "bugs" used a weight on a spring loaded lever arm to send dots, and the thumb controlled that lever. On the other hand (so to speak) a good friend of mine sends with his right hand, but he learned to send using a paddle configured for a left handed operator - as a result, his right hand thumb sends space elements. I have another contest operator friend who did, in fact, teach himself to send with his left hand so that he would write with his right in contests. That was years before CT and other computer logging programs made keyer paddles all but obsolete in contests...

73 de Drew K9CW (still uses his right hand to send CW)

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| ABW Associates, Ltd. | phone/fax: 217-643-7327 |  
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Date: Thu, 17 Feb 1994 03:39:58 GMT  
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!news.intercon.com!udel!news.sprintlink.net!  
direct!kg7bk@ames.arpa  
Subject: John Ramsey

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Dana Myers (myers@cypress.West.Sun.COM) wrote:

: Keep in mind, Jeff's experience with Ramsey appears to pre-date your arrival  
: to the Internet.

Then would you not agree that it's way past time to stop knocking kits that Ramsey stopped shipping two years ago? This whole mess is not about kits... it is about conflicting personalities, something that belongs in another group. I had exactly the same experiences as Jeff. But all the problems have been solved and documented. I have had as much fun with the FX kits as I had with the ICOM-22S and that's a hellava lot.

: Sure. Anyone can find from the callsign database my birthdate of 5/3/63. I  
: started building kits around the time I was 10.

You missed a lot of grief and years of poor designs and poor manuals at Heathkit. But they kept at it and improved with the help of their customers. It won't be many years until they achieve Sainthood. Do you think Ramsey Electronics deserves the same chance?

: Hang on, slamming your customers is not only not politcally correct, it is  
: bad business. It doesn't matter if they call you a liar. Anyway, why wouldn't  
: John appreciate his name being a line item on Internet?  
: \* Dana H. Myers KK6JQ

Well, Dana, when one particular customer's biggest thrill in life is stabbing the owner in the back, it may be that the customer is not always right. This thing between Jeff and John is obviously personal. As such, it has no place here. Notice how carefully Jeff avoided telling us what product he was talking about. A new reader could infer that he was talking about a presently available product, which he was not. My only purpose here was to point out that he was talking about the FTR-146, not the present FX-146, and since he has not purchased anything from Ramsey in two years, is not a present authority on their products.

There were problems in the original FTR-146 design. I fixed them. There were problems in the original FX-146 design. I fixed a couple and accessed a data base containing fixes for all the rest... speaking of rest, I need some from this thread.

73, Cecil, kg7bk@indirect.com (Objectivist and Libertarian)

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Date: 17 Feb 1994 02:43:49 GMT  
From: pacbell.com!sgiblab!darwin.sura.net!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!

cs.utexas.edu!geraldo.cc.utexas.edu!astro.as.utexas.edu!oo7@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: kits  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

fred-mckenzie@ksc.nasa.gov (Fred McKenzie) says:

>>I think the kits [Ramsey] sells are aimed towards people like  
>>ourselves, who are quite willing to go through the ordeal of  
>>de-bugging a kit, for the feeling of accomplishment from getting  
>>it to work! Unfortunately, we are like dinosaurs about to become  
>>extinct.

>>The modern ham seems to think a kit is something you merely plug the parts  
>>into, like assembling an IBM-clone computer from modules. From that point  
>>of view, I'll admit that John's kits are not "modern".

Something that has not been clear to me from the start of this thread  
is why the people who are smart enough to de-bug assembled kits that are  
obviously in dire need of it are not smart enough to assemble the things  
from their own components in the first place. Is it cheaper buying one  
of these kits than it is buying the individual components?

Derek Wills (AA5BT, G3NMX)  
Department of Astronomy, University of Texas,  
Austin TX 78712. (512-471-1392)  
oo7@astro.as.utexas.edu

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Date: 16 Feb 94 00:11:56 GMT  
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!torn!  
csd.unb.ca!coranto.ucs.mun.ca!morgan!wpenney@ames.arpa  
Subject: Looking for phs300.zip  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Good day All. I'm looking for a packet related program mentioned in '73  
magazine named :

'phs300.zip'  
Does anyone out there in net land know where I could find it (ftp?)?  
E-mail me any replies.

wpenney@morgan.ucs.mun.ca

Thanks...

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Date: 18 Feb 94 03:48:52 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: Moving to Texas  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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Date: Wed, 16 Feb 94 19:31:14 PDT  
From: wen@pro-sat.cts.com (Wendell Wyly)  
Subject: Moving to Texas  
To: root@pro-amber root@pro-harold root@pro-sol bblue@crash mikey@slic

I am packing to move to Texas. Please discontinue all feed to pro-sat and delete my map from the network. I will reconnect feeds after I get settled in Texas. I will probably go through crash as bill blue has the only 9600 HST modems that mine works with. It has been fun and look forward to getting connected back on the network soon.

Again thanks for all the help and assistance in the past 10 years that pro-sat, pro-mercury and T-Net La Mesa has operated from this phone number. Thanks for all the wonderful pro-line software support and bill and morgans tireless assistance.

See you soon.....Wendell

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David Green ... dcgreen@pro-harold.cts.com  
SysOp of Pro-Harold BBS .. San Diego, CA

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Date: Fri, 18 Feb 1994 02:31:52 GMT  
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!sdd.hp.com!col.hp.com!  
srgenprp!alanb@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: QSL Questions  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Elendir (elendir@enst.fr) wrote:  
: Alan Bloom (alanb@sri.hp.com) wrote:

: : I think what people object to is that F6FNU does not do the QSL'ing  
: : as a public service, as most QSL managers do, but to make a profit.

: Really ? That surprises me. Thought that all QSL management was free of  
: charge.

Most QSL managers do it for the love of the hobby. You really have to hand it to them -- it's an awful lot of time and effort that could be spent working your own DX.

F6FNU charges \$2 per card which is twice the normal one "green stamp" contribution. If you send \$1 he replies via the bureau, which is essentially free. Apparently he makes around \$1 per QSL.

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Date: Fri, 18 Feb 1994 04:50:16 GMT  
From: newshub.nosc.mil!news!novotny@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: San Diego Ham  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Since there was a lot of interest in this a few months back, I thought I'd post this for the rest of the net. This was the lead article in Tom Blair's column in the February 17, 1994 edition of the San Diego Union-Tribune.

"In a new bit of tension between the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff Jim Roache, the board refused Tuesday to accept a gift to the Sheriff's Dept. and told the sheriff to return it. the gift: a portable ham radio used last August by a back-country bicyclist, Chris Boyer, to summon help for a seriously injured friend. After sheriff's deputies responded to the emergency call, they told Boyer he had violated FCC rules by using restricted emergency frequencies and ordered him to surrender the improperly altered radio to them and the FCC. To avoid further hassle, Boyer signed the radio over to the department as a gift. But the supervisors, who honored Boyer in December as a good Samaritan, said no thanks this week. They urged the sheriff to return the radio to Boyer."

John WA6ORO

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Date: 17 Feb 1994 02:30:08 GMT  
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!prairienet.org!  
k9cw@ames.arpa  
Subject: W6GO QSL MGR LIST-ACCESS?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In a previous article, michaela@freenet2.scri.fsu.edu (Michael Christie) says:

>What access is there for the W6GO QSL manager's list? [Keep  
>it simple, please. I am new at this computer stuff.]

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>Michael Christie, K7RLS  
>Crawfordville, Florida

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The best thing to do is send \$25 to W6GO and receive the printed copies via US mail. Second best thing is \$10 to W6GO and access the list on your local PacketCluster node.

73 de Drew K9CW

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Date: (null)  
From: (null)  
SB QST ARL ARLB018  
ARLB018 Study eyes 2300 MHz

Study eyes 2300 MHz

A preliminary plan from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for reallocating government frequencies to non-government uses does not go far enough in responding to the will of Congress in protecting the needs of amateurs, the ARRL says.

Specifically affected would be the 2300 to 2450 MHz band. The preliminary plan would transfer some of that band to new non-government uses, which would not necessarily result in the loss of frequencies for amateurs, but amateur sharing could be more difficult than it now is with government users.

NTIA proposes to leave 2400 to 2402 and 2417 to 2450 MHz as now allocated, in part to permit continued amateur and, especially, amateur satellite operation. 2390 to 2400 and 2402 to 2417 MHz would be made available for new non-government services as early as August 1994, and 2300 to 2310 MHz would be made available later, under the NTIA plan.

In 1990 the ARRL commented to the NTIA when a study of domestic telecommunications infrastructure was begun. At that time, the League said that Amateur Radio's role of education and public service depended on it not being taken for granted in its modest spectrum needs.

In late 1992 the NTIA issued a notice of inquiry asking spectrum users what their future needs would be, and the League responded with a list, including ''continued or upgraded access to 2300 MHz for both terrestrial and satellite uses.''

The plan is the proposed implementation of a reallocation of spectrum from government to non-government use mandated by Congress last year.

A public comment period on the plan runs until May 1994.

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Date: 17 Feb 1994 01:40:48 GMT

From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!math.ohio-state.edu!  
magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu!wvhorn@ames.arpa  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2jqi1t\$rer@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu>, <2jt93e\$ds9@charm.magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu>, <CLC4Dw.10E@oakhill.sps.mot.com> p  
Subject : Re: Nude amateur radio clubs

In article <CLC4Dw.10E@oakhill.sps.mot.com>,  
Ben Thornton <ben@yosemite.sps.mot.com> wrote:

>So, explain to me just how it is that someone is somehow a different person  
>simply because they wear no clothing. The difference is only in the eye  
>of the beholder...

Hardly. If you're nude, you can't wear one of those nifty baseball caps with your name and callsign on it. What's the point of being in ham radio if you don't wear your baseball cap? Sheesh.

---Bill VanHorne

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Date: (null)  
From: (null)  
SB QST ARL ARLB019

ARLB019 Instant license opposed

Instant license opposed

In reply comments to the FCC on a proposal for instant operating authority for new amateur operators, PR Docket 93-267, the ARRL said that, "almost without exception," groups and individuals who had responded to the proposal agreed with the League that the idea should be shelved in favor of electronic filing of license applications with the FCC.

The ARRL said that the mechanisms for such electronic filing of Form 610s "cannot be more than a few months away at worst."

The League said that the FCC plan would invite abuse because, among other reasons, "The Commission itself suffers an inability to stem the tide of unlicensed operators in any radio service, because of limited enforcement resources."

In response to a counter proposal by the W5YI-VEC, that the FCC's plan be modified to avoid abuse by having volunteer examiners assign temporary call signs from blocks allocated to them by the FCC, the League said this would be an unbearable burden and responsibility on the VEs.

The League said that, at any rate, the Communications Act gives no basis for the FCC to delegate call sign assignment authority, including determining a licensee's basic qualifications, which VEs would have no way of doing.

The League once again asked that the proceeding be terminated in favor of electronic filing as soon as feasible.

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